NO SENATE REPEAL OF ORGANIC ACT

The taxed fraction of resourceless Washington would thus raise from its realty alone more than was raised on early alone more than was raised on the strain of the strain

of Atlanta.

The property taxpayer of Washington actually raised in 1912 a total levy of \$5,398,984, and to do so endured the burden of a per capita tax levy of \$13,75, a greater tax burden than that imposed upon 147 out of the 194 American cities. The \$744,000,000 proposition proposed offhand to more than double that per capita tax lexy by the tax on realty alone, and to make Washington's per capita tax levy much greater than that of any other American city, more even than New York with its vast wealth and its assessed valuation of \$9,177,495,620.

The 44,500 Washington taxpayers, \$5,000 of them small property owners,

Orleans, Louisville and St. Paul in municipal taxes.

Study of the so-called George re-discloses that this \$744,000,000 aution of Washington in 1912 was erroneous conclusion from insufthe erroneous conclusion from insufficient or false premises of a single withess. Herbert J. Browne, and was Brossly and grotesquely excessive.

The very method of calculation employed by Mr. Browne to reach this valuation condemned it to ditter inaccuracy. Mr. Browne neither assesses himself nor compiles the expert assessments of others. But generalizing from a comparatively few cases of underassessments (most of which turn out not to be typical and some vitally inaccurate), he multiplies the assessment of every piece of land in the suburban area by five; and that of every piece of land in the suburban area by five; and that of every piece of land in the suburban area by three and one-third to obtain the sectional figures which he adds to constitute his imposing and obviously misleading total valuation. In other words, no other witness than Mr. Browne testifies to a \$744,000,000 yaluation of the whole city, or to a sectional valuation reached by multiplying the assessment of every lot in it by an arbitrary number as five and therefore and one-third, to learn its true. three and one-third, to learn its tru

of three and one-third, to learn its true alue. A few other witnesses testified is to values of particular lots; Mr. srowne generalized incorrectly from heir specific evidence. It makes little difference to us today whether Mr. srowne was right or wrong in his alleation of specific cases of underasesment in 1912; but when he uses such cases as the basis of generalizations concerning the value of entire ections and of the whole-city, his founation cases must be not only absolutely accurate, but typical. The evidence hefore the joint congressional committee demonstrated conclusively that Mr. srowne's selected cases were neither typical nor generally accurate.

difference to us today whether Mr. Browne was right or wrong in his allegrowne was right or wrong in his alleBrowne was right or wrong in his alleBrowne was right or wrong in his allesassment in 1912, but when he uses
the concerning the value of outter
the sassment in 1912, but when he uses
the concerning the value of outter
the demonstrated conclusively has Mr.
trained to the control of the control

cash transactions, but the guarantee title companies had always refused to give it. But when this committee got after them, using the strong power of the United States, the guarantee companies consented to lay their books open for examination. Expert accountants were put upon these books, and they examined transactions covering the last three years. They found actual bons 4de cash transactions covering that there are only 70,000 families in Washington you will see what a large per cent they got in actual bons 4de cash transactions."

The evidence before the joint concurred the states commended for comparative accuracy of the statement of the relations.

The evidence before the joint con gressional committee demonstrated that Mr. Prouty had been misinformed;

Browne as a corroborative witness, and in reduced to an absurdity by comparison with the assessment valuations of other large American cities.

The False Standard of Measurement Error.

The second vital factor of last year's attack on the half-and-half law consisted of a table of comparisons of tax rates, modified by the application to them of the census-reported relation of assessed to true valuation. This table seemed to show that Washington was the lightest taxed of large American cities, paying only about one-half the ayerage payment of other such cities.

This standard of measurement of comparisons of tax rates are reduced to a minimum. The tendency of the situation is toward comparative overassessment in standard of measurement of compares, to whom the assessor is responsible.

parative tax burdens of cities which ac-cepts as accurate the census reported relations of assessed to true value, and on this assumption declares that the Washingtonian's tax burden is much lighter than that of the residents of the average American city, is based on a false premise and leads to a false conclusion.

The fact that in a washington as-sessment a nominal 66% per cent means an actual 70 per cent, while in most other cities a nominal 100 per cent means an actual 50 per cent, and a nom-

varied boostings in different years that the Washington assessment of realty averages (the assessor reports) slightly more than the legal minimum rates and reported relation of 66 2-3 per cent. In those other cities where the nominal and reported relation is 100 per cent the actual relation ranges from 25 per cent to 85 per cent; and there is a similar shrinkage and discrepancy in cities where the nominal and feported relation is less than 100 per cent.

The agures of comparative tax burden resulting from use of this standard of measurement are shown to be misleading and worthless, not only by the crasus authorities in discussing the basis on which these agures result and by the admissions of tax officials in attess and cities, but by the grotesque results which follow acceptance of the accuracy of the reports of the relation of assessed to true value and the attempt to use this fairs removed relation. to frue value and the aftern in false reported relation as measuring comparative to

Fantastic Discrepancies.

Assuming that the reported bases o issessment are accurate, the assesso reports in the taxed fraction of non-inamounting to \$508,798,485. On the same assumption the Cincinnati assessor re-

inge of American cities by Statistical state of the Community. No other city, perhaps terial collected by that hursen. For adample, Washington's tax burden thus presented is compared with those of the clitics over 28,000 in population. First, and this fraction is those of the clitics over 28,000 in population that the community of the community of the community of the community and the same of the community. The community of the community of the community. The community of the community. The average industrial, commercial admirate and shifting in the community. The community of the community of the community. The community of the community of the community. The community of the community of the community. The community of the community. The community of the community of the community of the community. The community of the community of the community of the community of the community. The community of the commun

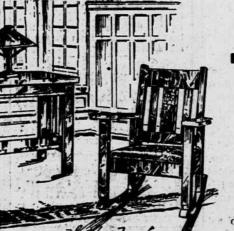
Cuban Solons Fight Duel.

HAVANA, June 20.-Senator Maze

Close Daily at 6 P.M.

HUB FURNITURE CO.

USE YOUR CREDIT



Use Your Credit and Buy This 3-Piece Den Suite

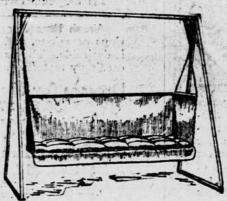
Table, Armchair and Rocker, in Fumed Oak and S 10.75
Brown Imitation Spanish Leather. All for only.

A wonderfully attractive underselling value. The Massive Fumed Oak Table has large drawer and lower shelf. The Armchair and Rocker have imitation brown Spanish leather seats and center panel backs. An ideal suite for your den or living room for about the usual

Hammock Couch

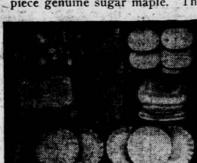
Our big summer stock of Hammock Couches, including all the latest novelties, starts with a 6-foot couch, like cut; steel frame, brown khaki, heavy cottontop pad, full length galvanized chains to Special underselling

Stand, \$2.75 Extra



This 41-Piece Mapleware Lunch Set 19c

A sanitary, serviceable, satisfactory Lunch Set, for use on all outings and picnic parties. All dishes made from one piece genuine sugar maple. The 41 pieces include-



6 Dinner Plates,

2 Large Vegetable Dishes, 2 Large Meat or Sandwich Platters.

6 Handy Side Dishes, 6 Salt and Pepper Dishes,

12 Maple Spoons, 6 Fiber Napkins and 1 Fiber Tablecloth.

They won't leak and they won't wilt.

This 4-Passenger C2 Lawn Swing . . . 9

Full size, 4-passenger Hardwood Lawn Swing; red enameled frame, natural finished seat and platform; all bolted construction, with steel swing supports.

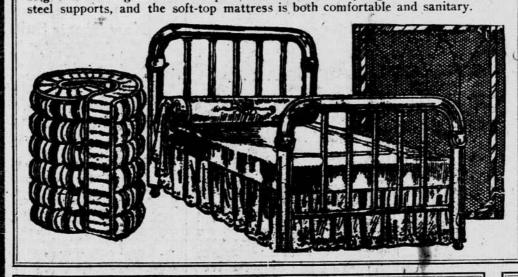
Canopy, \$2.75 Extra



Brass Bed Outfit —Guaranteed Lacquer Bed, Woven Wire Spring \$19.75

All for

The bed has 2-inch continuous posts and ten heavy fillers, and is finished in bright or satin guaranteed lacquer; the woven-wire spring has iron frame and



VOU'LL Get the Best Refrigerator at a Low Price When You Buy the Famous Alaska-

Polar Refrigerator

Every Alaska-made Polar Refrigerator we sell is fully guaranteed for service and satisfaction. The stock includes all sizes in all the new 1916 models—the finest refrigerators to be had and the best values at these underselling prices.

\$5.75, \$8.75, \$12.50, \$14.75, \$16.50 and up



CARRIAGE FOR...



handsome All-Reed Body and Hood Carriage, best steel springs and gear; lined with best carriage cloth, guaranteed rubber

tires.



400 of These Art Reed C Gas or Electric Lampsat

> We took all the manufacturer had at a price that enables us to offer you a regular \$4.95 Lamp for \$1.95. Art reed, in natural, brown and gray; French cretonne lined shade.